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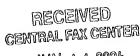
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STATEMENT OF SUBTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b)

Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary record dated May 12, 2004, Applicant hereby submits this Statement. Applicant filed a response to the previously outstanding Office Action

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(Office Action dated February 23, 2004, response filed May 18, 2004) prior to receiving the Interview Summary record. Although Applicant believes his May 18, 2004 Amendment adequately addresses the substance of the Interview, Applicant supplements the discussion in the May 18, 2004 Amendment with the following.

During the telephonic interview of May 6, 2004, Applicant discussed with the Examiner and the Primary Examiner, Uyen Li, a set of proposed amended claims provided to the Examiner on April 30, 2004. The proposed amendments were discussed in light of the rejections to the independent claims made in the February 23, 2004 Office Action.

Specifically, Applicant's undersigned representative discussed proposed amendments to Claims 1, 12 and 20. As to Claims 1 & 12, the rejections based on Sehr (U.S. Patent No. 5,875,432) and Hall (U.S. Patent No. 6,540,138) were discussed. As to Claim 20, the rejection based on Hall was discussed. It was Applicant's position that the proposed amendments were sufficient to overcome the then pending rejections because the features being added by the proposed amendments were not taught or suggested by the cited art. It was the Examiners' position that the proposed amendments were not sufficient to overcome the pending rejections. The Examiners' made clear their position as to the scope and teachings of the prior art and suggested that Applicant take this position into account when responding to the February 23, 2004 Office Action.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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